

January 2004 Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, 1

Luminous Gardens

9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. daily. Thru February 7. Venezuelan artist, Patricia Van Dalen exhibits "Flower Square," a site-specific installation of 100,000 marker flags in the Lowlands and recent works on canvas and paper. The Gallery at Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

The Gathering Exhibition

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday thru Friday; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. Thru January 10. Free. The Gathering is an exhibition that looks at the various forms of visual concepts expressing renewal of family ties, art and culture. The Gallery at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.638.6771 ext. 106

Zoodler Academy

\$15 one adult and one child; \$6 each additional participant. Toddlers learn about nature through stories, craft projects and live animals. Every Tuesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m. for toddlers ages 2-3; Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m. for 2-to-4-year-olds and 3:30-4:30 p.m. for 3-to-4-year-olds. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.255.5551

Deering Historic Tours

\$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 450-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668

Swim Team

5-6 p.m. \$30/10 classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Swim classes and competitions for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Adapted Aquatics

\$40/10 swim classes. \$30/10 arthritis classes. Swim lessons and/or water exercises for adults and children ages six and older with disabilities and arthritis at Tamiami, Norwood, A.D. Barnes, and Cutler Ridge pools. Arthritis classes not offered at Tamiami. Call 305.652.4304 (north); 305.665.5319 (v/tdd) (central); or 305.234.4948 (south) for schedules.

Arthritis Aquatics

Various times. \$30 for 5 weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$30 for 10 Saturdays. Low impact water exercises focusing on range of motion, strength and endurance. Call 305.665.5319 (v/tdd). A.D. Barnes Pool, 3701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Natural Areas and Mangrove Boardwalk Tours

Daily. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Take a guided walking tour through a tropical hardwood hammock to a Tequesta Indian burial mound. On the half-mile boardwalk tour, you'll learn of our unique ecosystem. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Mountain Bike Trails

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Night rides from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. One time registration fee of \$10 and \$2 per night. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Masters of the Night: The True Story of Bats

10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Included with Zoo admission: \$12 adults; \$7 children ages 3-12. Thru March 21. Compare the skeleton of a human with the skeleton of a bat and see the striking resemblance! Distinguish the truth from folklore, superstition and fear while investigating a cave and its dwellers, live bats, snakes, fish and insects. Enjoy many hands-on activities. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.251.0400

Dog Park

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Sailing Program

Children ages 7-15 can become skilled sailors in this national course on boating. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

Skyward Kites

9 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Kite sale and rental at Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305.893.0906.

Walk among the Pelicans

Dawn to dusk, daily. Free. See pelican families in their natural environment. Pelican Harbor Seabird Station, 1275 NE 79 St. Causeway, Miami, 305.751.9840

Farm Village

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturdays and Sunday for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Crandon Park Family Amusement Center

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305.361.5421

FRIDAY, 2**Heritage Bike and Beach Trip**

2-5 p.m. \$25 includes bike and helmet rental (Bring your own bike, \$15). Also, January 17 & 25. Learn of natural and historical events as you bike along this barrier island. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Leisurely P.A.C.E.ing

10:30-11:30 a.m. \$32/8 weeks. Fridays. People with Arthritis Can Exercise in a relaxed environment at their own PACE. Call 305.234.4948 to register. Perdue Medical Center, 19590 Old Cutler Road, Miami

Zoo Inn

6 p.m.-9 a.m. \$50 per person. Fridays and Saturdays throughout the school year. A behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo, including a sleepover and a special morning activity. For groups only: minimum 15; maximum 30. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.255.5551

SATURDAY, 3

Birds, Butterflies & Binoculars

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Also, January 11, 17 & 25. Learn binocular basics for bird and butterfly watching while observing migrating warblers, songbirds and even hawks. Bring binoculars. Call 305.948.2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Drop & Shop Program

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$5 one child, \$8 two children & \$11 for three children. Saturdays. Parents, you can do your shopping while your child is supervised with activities, games, videos and arts and crafts. Highland Oaks Park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164

Guided Historical Nature Walk

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Saturdays and Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305.938.2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

Volunteer Workday at Sadowski Park

Learn about native plants and do your part to help make our parks more beautiful. Call 305.255.4767 for time and more information. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

Florida Keys Van Tour

9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$45. Journey through the Florida Keys and learn about some of the interesting and colorful tropical plants and animals that inhabit these enchanting islands. You'll visit Crocodile Lake National Wildlife Refuge for an educational overview of the endangered American Crocodile that inhabits these waters. Call 305.242.7688 for reservations.

Tai Chi Chuan

10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Free. Ages 15 and older. The Mayor's Health and Fitness Challenge offers introductory Tai Chi classes. Saturdays at Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami. Call 305.235.1668, ext. 242 to register. Mondays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami. Call 305.638.6771 to register.

Firearm Safety

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305.226.1823

Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20. Also, January 10, 17, 24 & 31. Take a ride along one of Florida's most historic and beautiful rivers. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian Midden. Bring binoculars. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 Street and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

Heritage Horse Show

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Key Biscayne Canoe Trip

2-5 p.m. \$20. Also, January 11, 16 & 31. Other dates and times: January 18 & 23, 8-11 a.m. Search the endless mangrove forest where birds, reptiles and a wide variety of marine life lurk. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Marina, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Wheelchair Tennis Program

9-11 a.m. Saturdays. Free. All ages and skill levels. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami, 305.234.4948

Canoe and Paddle Boat Rentals

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddle boats are \$5 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305.948.2891

Water Bicycles and Kayak Rentals

\$10 per half hour. Saturdays and Sundays. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

SUNDAY, 4**Kayak Workshop**

9-11 a.m. \$15. Other dates and times: January 30, 2-5 p.m. Introduction to kayak skills and safety. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd, Key Biscayne

Wheelchair Basketball Teams

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Sundays. Wheelchair basketball for athletes ages 10 and older. Call 305.234.4948. McArthur Senior High, 11035 SW 84 St., Miami

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

7:30-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 9-14. Sundays. \$35 moonlight tour (adults only) on January 8, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Batting Cage

9-11 a.m. \$5 for 15 minutes; \$25 for an hour. Practice your swing at the batting cage at Highland Oaks park, 20300 NE 24 Ave., N. Miami Beach, 305.932.2164.

MONDAY, 5**Basketball Team**

5-6 p.m. \$32/monthly. Mondays and Wednesdays. Ages 13 and older. Basketball for people with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Adult Day Training

7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Training in life skills, community integration and independence for adults with mild developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

WEDNESDAY, 7**Arch Creek Ghost Tours**

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Also, January 14, 21 & 28. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred at Arch Creek since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305.944.6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

Goalball

6:30-8 p.m. Free. Wednesdays. Competitive sport for visually impaired teenagers and adults. Call 305.652.4304. NFL YET Center, 7090 NW 22 Ave., Miami

FRIDAY, 9

Paso Fino Horse Show

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Fossilized Reef Kayak and Snorkel Trip

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25. Also, January 24. Explore marine life and 2,000-year-old fossilized mangrove roots. Call 305.365.3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors' and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Fun on Friday

6:30-10:30 p.m. \$40/monthly. Also, January 23. Social program for adults with developmental disabilities. Call 305.652.4304 for details. Greynolds Park, 17530 W Dixie Hwy., N. Miami Beach

T.G.I.F.

6:30-10:30 p.m. \$40/monthly. Also, January 23. Social program for adults 21 and older with developmental disabilities. Call 305.234.4948. Tamiami Park Recreational Center, 11201 SW 24 St., Miami

Club Night: Bobby Stringer

8 p.m. \$10. Club Night features a masquerade ball with R&B singer Bobby Stringer playing tribute to the Platters and Motown. African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.638.6771

SATURDAY, 10**Biscayne Bay Canoe Trip**

4-6 p.m. \$20. All ages. Discover a habitat teeming with life on this canoe trip along the mangrove-lined shores of Matheson Hammock Park. Call 305.662.4124 for reservations. Leaves Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami.

Family Campfire & Owl Prowl

7-9:30 p.m. \$5 adults; \$2 ages 6-17. Join park naturalists on a nature trail hike after dark. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire marshmallow roast. Pre-registration required. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami, 305.255.4767

Sports Saturday

8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. \$32/monthly. Also, January 24. Basketball, swimming and exercise activities for individuals 13 and older with developmental disabilities. Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.665.5319 (v/tdd)

Village Craft Market and Poetry

The market features crafts, jewelry, ceramics and wood sculptures. Every second Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Gallery at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 6161 NW 22 Ave., Miami. Open mike poetry readings from 6-9 p.m. Call Renee Ransom at 305.636.2688 for more information. Every fourth Sunday, 12 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Women's Park, 10251 W. Flagler St. Call 786.715.2436 for more information.

Coral Pines Park Volunteer Workday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore the environment by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings and picking up trash. Call 305.257.0904 for details. Coral Pines Park, SW 104 St. and 70 Ave., Miami

Bird Walk

7:30 a.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. It's the best time of year to see a unique assortment of migratory

birds. Do bring binoculars, insect repellent and drinking water. Butterfly Walk, January 24, 2 p.m. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305.235.1668, ext. 242

Canoeing and Camping Workshop

9-11 a.m. \$10. Learn the fundamentals of canoeing and camping in South Florida. Call 305.242.7688 for reservations. Castellow Hammock Park and Nature Center, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami

SUNDAY, 11

Moonlight Musicale: An Evening with Romantic Virtuosi

7 p.m.; gates open 5:30 p.m. \$35-\$50. Enjoy a picnic dinner and the concert outdoors under the stars. Call Maggie Rossi at 305.667.1651, ext. 3377 for more information. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651

Matheson to Coral Gables Waterway Canoe Trip

9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$30. All ages. This relaxing trip offers a great view of Biscayne Bay and its diverse wildlife. Call 305.662.4124 for reservations. A.D. Barnes Park, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami

Radio Disney Birthday Bash at Zoo

12-4 p.m. Free with Zoo admission: \$12 adult; \$7 children (3-12). Help us celebrate Radio Disney's 4th Birthday Bash. You can have a blast with Pajama Jen and the Radio Disney Fun Squad as well as live entertainment and zoo prizes for their best party yet. Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., Miami, 305.251.0400

MONDAY, 12

Magic City Monday: Caribbean Flash

10-11 a.m. \$3. Body Nation Dance Theatre exhibits the rich culture of the Caribbean through a high-energy concert of dance, including calypso, traditional African, reggae, modern and hip-hop styles. Reservations required. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

WEDNESDAY, 14

Szulamit

8 p.m. Call box office for tickets cost. Also, January 17, 20, 23 & 25. American premiere of a Hungarian opera by Ede Donath. Taking place in the Holy Land during ancient times, this is an enchanting tale of young lovers' broken vows, supernatural curses and reconciliation. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

THURSDAY, 15

Afternoon Tea in the Garden

3 p.m. \$32.50. Join us for tea on the veranda of the Jean duPont Shehan Visitor Center overlooking Pandanus Lake. Reservations required. Private teas available by request. Fairchild Tropical Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, 305.667.1651, ext. 3391

FRIDAY, 16

Leon Redbone Concert

8 p.m. \$35. Leon Redbone will delight the audience with songs such as "Walking Stick," "Lazy Bones" and features from his new release "Any Time." The South Florida Blue Grass Band *Cross Roads* opens the show, which celebrates the parks' 60th anniversary. Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Flow

8 p.m. Free. Open reception for Flow, an art exhibition featuring figurative sculpture dealing with the experiences of being in a body and sculpture that explores patterns in nature. Exhibit runs thru March 11. The Women's Park, 10251 W. Flagler St., 305.480.1717

SATURDAY, 17

Redland Natural Art Festival

10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$5. Free for children under 12. Thru Monday. The festival features arts, crafts, plants and entertainment, including old-time music, puppetry and juggling. Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead, 305.247.5727

Canoe Workshop

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20. All ages. Learn the fundamentals of canoeing, including strokes, steering and safety skills. Call 305.662.4124 for reservations. Workshop meets on the shore of the Boating Lake at Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami.

WHAF Horse Show

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Matheson Hammock Historical Tour

10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$3. Learn about the park's history, native plants and animals on this guided tour through the beautiful hardwood hammock. Call 305.255.4767 for reservations.

THURSDAY, 22

Dog Obedience Show

7 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

SATURDAY, 24

Turner River Canoe Trip

8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$45. Observe otters, ospreys and a myriad of reptiles on this trip which starts near Tamiami Trail and follows the River into a saw grass and cypress wilderness. Call 305.662.4124 for reservations. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Kendall Indian Hammock Park Volunteer Workday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore the environment by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings and picking up trash. Call 305.257.0904 for details. Kendall Indian Hammock Park, 11345 SW 79 St., Miami

Canoe Workshop

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 adults; \$10 children. Learn the fundamentals of canoeing, including strokes, steering and safety skills. Call 305.255.4767 for reservations. Bill Sadowski Park, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

THURSDAY, 29

Tribute to Black History Month

5:30 p.m. Free. A salute to Black History Month with a Latin jazz concert featuring Trio Negronis and Afro-Cuban dances by Raices. Reservations required. Nuestras Raices Hispanic Heritage Cultural Center, 5510 SW 94 Court, Miami

SATURDAY, 31

La Duquesa del Bal Tabarín

8 p.m. \$35-\$12. Also, February 1, 3 p.m. Spanish operetta presented by Sociedad Pro Arte Grateli. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305.547.5414, ext. 0

Lignum Vitae Canoe Trip

7 a.m.-7 p.m. \$45. Paddle out to a botanically rich island in the Keys that has changed little since the discovery of Florida. Call 305.662.4124 for reservations. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

Heart of the City: The Legacy Tour

8 p.m. \$15 general; \$20 preferred. The Legacy Tour is a national tour of historical re-enactments featuring descendants of five monumental historical figures, including Frederick Douglas, Sojourner Truth, Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman and John Quincy Adams. Joseph Caleb Auditorium, 5400 NW 22 Ave., Miami, 305.636.2350

Sun Coast Horse Show

8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305.554.7334

Oak Grove Park Volunteer Workday

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Volunteers help restore the environment by removing exotic plants, planting seedlings and picking up trash. Call 305.257.0904 for details. Oak Grove Park, 690 NE 159 St., N. Miami

Spirits from the Past Campfire

7-9 p.m. \$5 adults; \$2 ages 6-17. Spend a relaxing evening around the campfire roasting marshmallows and hearing stories from some of Miami's historical characters. Pre-registration required. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami, 305.255.4767